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REMARKS

Claims 13 and 14 were pending in the present application. Upon entry of this amendment which is respectfully requested, Claims 39 through 59 will be pending, with Claims 39 through 59 having been added and Claims 13 and 14 having been canceled without prejudice to pursue them in another application.

Newly added Claims 39 through 59 distinguish over the reference cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination with art mentioned in the Examiner's Official Notice. For example, the reference cited by the Examiner does not teach or suggest storing player preferences and using the preferences to configure the slot machine/gaming device/automatic teller machine.

For the foregoing reasons it is submitted that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's early re-examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Alternatively, if there remains any question regarding the present application or any of the cited references, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Steven M. Santisi at telephone number (203) 461-7127 or via electronic mail at ssantisi@walkerdigital.com.

Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time with which to respond to the Office Action. Please charge \$110.00 for this petition to our Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Please charge any additional fees that may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

If an extension of time is required, or if an additional extension of time is required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, please

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grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this Response timely, and please charge any fee for such extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

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